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SUBJECT: VISAS: WAIVER FOR COMMUNIST TRADE UNIONIST

REF: LONDON 5836 NOTAL

1. DEPARTMENT HAS CONSIDERED CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVED IN DASH CASE AND CONCLUDED THAT VISA SHOULD BE REVOKED IN ACCORDANCE 22 CFR 41.134. DEPARTMENT LEAVES TO DISCRETION OF EMBASSY TIMING OF NOTIFICATION TO DASH OF THIS ACTION.

2. WE REALIZE THAT REVOCATION MAY BE EXPLOITED BY DASH AND PERHAPS OTHERS TO CRITICIZE US GOVERNMENT BUT SHARE EMBASSY JUDGMENT THAT IT MAY BECOME A CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE WHETHER HIS APPLICATION IS GRANTED OR DENIED, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF RECENT VISA DENIALS TO BIRD AND BROMLEY.

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3. IN ANY CASE, WAIVER FOR COMMUNIST TRADE UNION PERSONALITY SUCH AS DASH FOR VISIT WITH UNION EXPELLED FROM FORMER CIO ON GROUNDS OF COMMUNIST DOMINATION, AND WHICH STILL UNDER SAME LEADERSHIP, RAISES DIFFICULT PROBLEM OF CONSISTENCY WITH US INTERNATIONAL LABOR POLICY OBJECTIVES AS WELL AS PUBLIC RELATIONS PROBLEM WITH AFL-CIO REPRESENTING MAINSTREAM OF US LABOR MOVEMENT. IN DEPARTMENT'S JUDGMENT DASH VISIT WITH INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S AND WAREHOUSEMEN'S UNION (INDEPENDENT) WILL

NEITHER STRENGTHEN TIES BETWEEN MAINSTREAM OF BRITISH AND US LABOR MOVEMENTS NOR CONTRIBUTE IN ANY OTHER WAY TO US INTERESTS. DEPARTMENT THEREFORE SEES NO RPT NO ADEQUATE JUSTIFICATION FOR RECOMMENDING THAT DASH'S BASIC INELIGIBILITY FOR VISA UNDER 212(A)(28) BE WAIVED.

4. WE AGREE THAT UNDER EXISTING PROVISIONS APPENDIX A EMBASSY WAS NOT REQUIRED TO SUBMIT CASE TO DEPT FOR ADVISORY OPINION OR WAIVER ACTION. GENERAL GUIDANCE TO POSTS ON FUTURE PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS IN THE LABOR FIELD WILL BE PROVIDED SHORTLY.

5. IF EMBASSY FINDS IT NECESSARY TO GIVE SOME STATEMENT TO RECALLING INADMISSIBILITY OF COMMUNISTS UNDER US LEGISLATION AND ASSERTION THAT ON FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF HIS CASE, US GOVERNMENT DETERMINED THAT THERE WAS NO ADEQUATE BASIS FOR WAIVING HIS INELIGIBILITY. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO POINT OUT THAT DECISION MADE IN WASHINGTON.

6. FOR FRANKFURT: SECTION 212(D)(3)(A) WAIVER REQUEST SUBMITTED TO INS FRANKFURT BY EMBASSY LONDON ON JANUARY 14, 1974, AND WAIVER GRANTED JANUARY 23 FOR VISIT IN JULY. IN FEBRUARY DASH REQUESTED AMENDMENT TO PERMIT VISIT IN SEPTEMBER AND INS FRANKFURT SO AMENDED WAIVER ORDER ON FEBRUARY 13. RUSH

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